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Renata B. Hesse,

Persistent to the Tunney Act I hereby reserve and exercise my right to comment on the proposed settlement. I understand The Tunney Act procedures require the United States to:

1. File a proposed Final Judgment and a Competitive Impact Statement (CIS) with the court.
2. Publish the proposed Final Judgment and CIS in the Federal Register.
3. Publish notice of the proposed Final Judgment in selected newspapers.
4. Accept comments from the public for a period of 60 days after the proposed Final Judgment is published in the Federal Register.
5. Publish the comments received, along with responses to them, in the Federal Register.
6. File the comments received and responses to them with the court.

This proposed settlement is a victory for Microsoft(MS) and slap on the face to the American people. We the people have been taken advantage of by the monopolistic position of MS, and have blindly placed our interests and trust in the hands of Department of Justice to settle it this case within our interests. Once again, you have failed us! As a computer professional, to this day I still see the monopolistic position of MS bullying its competition. I was in a computer store this weekend asking for Linux software when the sales person told me that Microsoft forbid them to sell the Linux operating system and compatible software, they (MS) "..suggested that their resellers license be revoked".. if they did.

It's obvious that the Department of Justice interests are not that of the American people, and we have been taken advantage of again. MS should be required to give away the operating system and application software (at the same rate they have been forcing us to upgrade for the next 25 years), open their source, and guarantee backward compatibility with all future products

forever. As well as return at least 25% of the illegal monies they have collected from the American people. Then be held strictly accountable for future actions. Anything less is a victory to Microsoft.

Thank you,
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